

Land Quality Bureau Financial and Business Assistance Section Volunteer Opportunities



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Storm Sewer Stenciling

- Coordinate storm sewer stenciling days in your community to create awareness about improper and accidental dumping of hazardous materials into storm sewer systems
- Obtain a city map and locate storm sewers in your area
- Organize volunteers to make stencils and do painting
- Solicit community organizations and businesses to provide paint, brushes, refreshments and other needed supplies
- Distribute information about hazardous materials dumping

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Less Waste

- Assist community residents in reducing household and business waste
- Distribute information about starting recycling programs at home and work
- Distribute information about how to get removed from "junk mail" lists
- Organize a community household waste assessment team to help homeowners and businesses identify opportunities to reduce, reuse, and recycle
- Organize a "clean out your closets/files" day
- Organize a community-wide one-day or weekend garage sale
- Coordinate the creation of a database of community organizations or groups that need donated items and items that they need
- Distribute database list to community businesses and service groups
- Coordinate informational seminars and "lunch and learn" presentations on reducing waste and recycling opportunities

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Waste Free Lunch

- Organize a waste free lunch day at an area school or business through
- Encouraging reduced packaging purchases for bag lunches
- Encouraging reusable containers and utensils for bag lunches
- Provide information on recycling organics from lunch wastes
- Coordinate or teach a organics recycling seminar
- Coordinate volunteers to assist with composting programs in schools or businesses

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Waste Tire Cleanup

- Identify areas with waste tires that need removing
- Organize a group to help remove waste tires
- Coordinate proper disposal of waste tires
- Coordinate informational seminars on waste tire management
- Organize school field trips to cleanup project sites
- Obtain and distribute educational materials regarding management of waste tires

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Issue Awareness and Education

- Encourage awareness and community involvement in natural resource and waste management issues
- Distribute information on various waste management issues relevant to community residents
- Organize volunteer grassroots letter writing or calling campaigns

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